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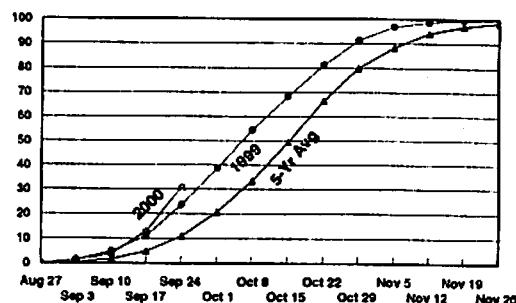
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Wet weather and downed corn continued to curtail harvest across the northern part of the state last week. Stalk rot, lodging, and wind damage is being reported across the state, as well as mold being reported in the Central and Southern Districts. Poor stalk quality continued to cause problems for farmers in areas with severe wind damage, particularly the West and Northwest Districts. Despite the rains and winds, farmers used their 5.2 days suitable for fieldwork to move harvest well ahead of schedule. Corn harvesting progressed to 31 percent by September 24, ahead of last year at 24 percent and the five-year average of 11 percent. The soybean crop continues to mature rapidly, with 83 percent shedding leaves, compared to 74 percent at this time last year and the five-year average of 56 percent. Soybean harvest progressed to 19 percent, compared to 11 percent last year and the five-year average of seven percent. Sudden Death Syndrome is being reported throughout the state with a wide range of severity. The statewide condition of the crop was rated two percent very poor, six percent poor, 26 percent fair, 52 percent good and 14 percent excellent. Some farmers were busy finishing chopping silage last week, while others were preparing equipment and storage for harvest, and visiting the local FSA office to sign papers for LDP processing.

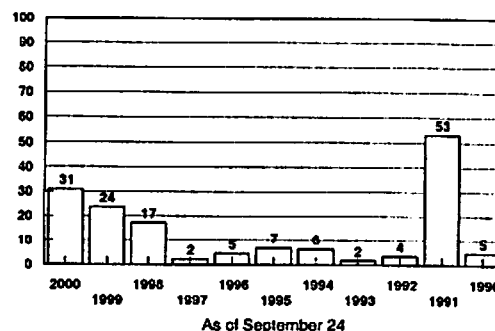
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 2000	: 1999	: 5-Year Average
September 24			
CORN:			
Mature	94	90	66
Harvested	31	24	11
SOYBEANS:			
Turning yellow	97	94	82
Shedding leaves	83	74	56
Harvested	19	11	7
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	99	98	83
Mature	80	66	36
Harvested	8	9	3
WINTER WHEAT:			
Seeded	2	1	1

**Corn - Percent Harvested
Illinois**



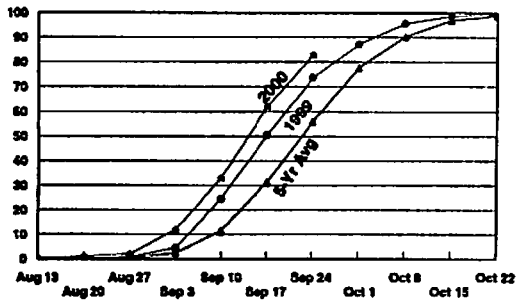
**Corn - Percent Harvested
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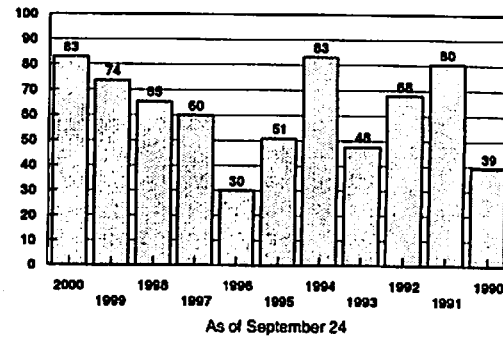
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
Corn	1	2	26	52	14
Soybeans	2	6	34	56	8
Sorghum	0	2	37	43	8
Pasture	3	9			

Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn : Mature	: Corn : Harvested	: Soybeans : Turning Yellow	: Soybeans : Shedding Leaves	: Soybeans : Harvested
September 24					
Northwest	93	10	98	89	9
Northeast	87	8	98	84	11
West	98	30	99	94	12
Central	96	45	99	87	23
East	95	42	97	84	27
W Southwest	98	39	99	95	25
E Southeast	88	22	93	57	16
Southwest	96	53	88	72	17
Southeast	89	40	84	61	15

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	: Days Suitable : for Fieldwork	: Topsoil Moisture : Very Short	: Topsoil Moisture : Short	: Topsoil Moisture : Adequate	: Topsoil Moisture : Surplus
September 16 - 22			September 22		
Northwest	4.0	2	12	72	14
Northeast	4.6	0	3	83	14
West	5.1	22	34	44	0
Central	5.6	2	38	60	0
East	5.7	11	21	64	4
W Southwest	5.1	0	22	49	29
E Southeast	5.8	0	6	78	16
Southwest	6.1	1	21	76	2
Southeast	5.9	12	13	66	9
State	5.2	6	21	63	10

Weather Summary

	Temperature			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days		
	Maxi-	Mini-	Deapar-	Current:	Since	Deapar-	Current:	Since	Deapar-
	m	mum	ture	week	May 1	ture	week	May 1	ture
September 18 - 24									
Northwest:									
Freeport	87	43	-1	4.08	30.22	12.06	67	2490	-12
Kewanee	88	42	0	2.47	19.26	0.44	83	2699	-37
Moline	90	42	2	2.80	22.42	1.39	98	3059	199
Mount Carroll	87	41	2	3.15	23.44	3.65	71	2618	223
Paw Paw	86	38	-2	1.87	25.29	5.91	68	2246	-208
Rochelle	89	40	0	2.09	23.37	4.19	81	2584	-75
Rockford	88	42	1	3.38	29.82	10.25	84	2684	111
Northeast:									
Aurora	87	42	2	1.45	21.30	2.13	93	2665	66
Chicago	87	45	2	0.86	15.67	-2.49	100	2768	146
De Kalb	88	42	0	2.04	24.47	4.97	77	2585	23
Lake Villa	85	43	1	2.83	25.21	6.63	80	2484	136
McHenry	86	42	1	3.25	26.07	6.61	73	2482	17
Morris	90	44	3	1.05	30.04	12.42	100	2858	154
Ottawa	91	41	-1	1.53	22.64	4.03	93	2997	74
Park Forest	88	44	2	1.06	21.84	3.26	98	2790	109
West:									
Bentley	89	40	1	1.98	21.30	1.19	97	3046	175
Galesburg	89	41	2	1.31	14.63	-4.41	98	2998	121
Quincy	90	40	2	1.07	19.86	-0.63	114	3215	138
Central:									
Bloomington	91	39	-2	0.97	19.25	0.65	97	2998	-94
Decatur	89	43	-2	1.79	20.97	1.66	106	3029	-86
Lincoln	92	43	2	1.06	18.96	0.30	111	3004	14
Peoria	90	43	3	1.39	13.05	-5.10	116	3128	179
East:									
Champaign	91	40	4	1.03	14.84	-4.42	128	3020	57
Pontiac	91	44	2	0.74	19.72	1.89	104	2871	-1
West Southwest:									
Carlinville	90	44	0	0.78	24.21	6.36	115	3238	49
Morrisonville	89	39	-1	1.07	21.57	3.30	105	3084	7
Springfield	90	41	3	0.97	17.24	0.68	124	3211	94
East Southeast:									
Brownstown	87	45	2	0.13	24.15	6.43	116	3360	264
Flora	87	45	2	1.25	30.02	11.94	125	3315	84
Hutsonville	86	45	0	0.89	24.30	5.29	109	3098	-103
Iuka	88	43	2	0.41	24.43	6.71	128	3236	-87
Lawrenceville	88	47	-1	1.53	28.46	10.79	115	3250	9
Newton	85	45	0	0.60	25.11	7.03	108	2835	-256
Paris	87	45	-1	0.75	23.00	3.77	108	3022	-113
Windsor	88	44	2	0.53	26.69	9.40	122	3217	79
Southwest:									
Carbondale	90	45	4	1.18	25.05	6.03	138	3479	192
Lebanon	92	46	1	0.33	30.21	12.96	121	3341	66
Olive Branch	89	45	2	1.01	18.89	-0.50	132	3618	188
Southeast:									
Mt Vernon	87	45	-1	0.58	22.69	5.07	109	3190	-22

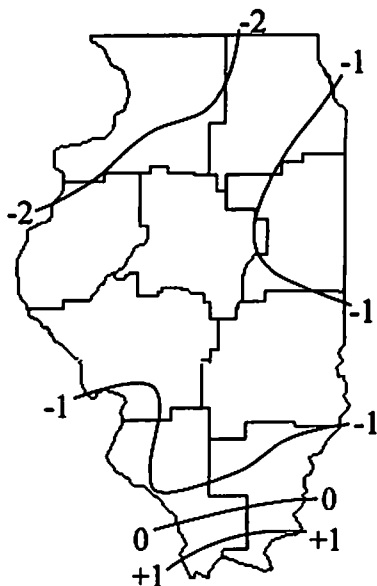
Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
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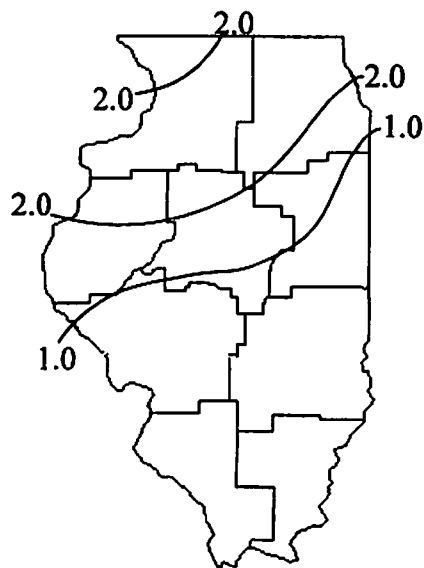
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 18 - 24



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 18 - 24

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